

# Quote

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## may we QUOTE you on that?



[1] Ex-President HERBERT HOOVER, on dangers of increasing inflation: "Huge fed'l spending could lead to a depression that would curl your hair. Mine has already been curled once—and I think I can detect the signs." . . . [2] J EDGAR HOOVER, Director FBI, on "mollycoddling" juvenile criminals: "Reasonable leniency for children committing 1st offenses and minor violations is a proper consideration. However, the present major problem is no longer one of bad children, but of young criminals." . . . [3] JOHN A KENNEDY, editor-publisher *Sioux Falls* (SD) *Argus-Leader*, testifying before a House education subcommittee, following a recent tour of Russia: "History teaches that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. It occurs to me that the battle of survival for the West might be lost in the high schools of America." . . . [4] JAS B CONANT, retiring U S

Ambassador to West Germany: "Any legend of Nazism has no hold on the German people. If any right radical movement develops it will not be associated with Nazism. Outspoken critics of Nazism . . . have been re-elected and have tremendous popularity." . . . [5] Rep USHER L BURNICK (R-ND) on *Administration program for '57*: "We can now go to work with increased vigor and try to keep up with our 'ailing' President." . . . [6] Rep JAS C DAVIS (D-Ga) on proposed \$25,000 yrly pension for retired ex-presidents: "We are going crazy on the subject of giving away the taxpayers' money." . . . [7] CASEY STENGEL, pilot of world champion N Y Yankees, on '57 prospects: "I don't look for much trading. Why should another club want to trade unless they can rob us? And we ain't going to be robbed!"

17th year of publication



Without any notable tooting of tubas or lighting of flares, we have lately passed a highly significant milestone. For the 1st time in our nat'l history the "white collar" workers now outnumber those employed in what we loosely term "the ranks of labor." Current estimates place the tally at 52% and 48% respectively, but there can be no precise count since many individuals are moving from the "labor" classification to the assumption of clerical or directive responsibilities. With increasing automation this trend will accelerate.

This evolutionary process is one of the major concerns of union leaders. Gradually the backbone of the union is disintegrating. There are fewer production workers available for union membership.

It is for this reason that union heads now intensify their efforts to organize white collar workers. The program thus far has been somewhat disorganized and the re-

sults inconclusive. But there is evidence that unions are capitalizing on the discontents of professional and quasi-professional workers. Approx 10% of the nation's engineers are now union mbrs.

In its organizational effort the union's gravest obstacle is an intangible termed "social status." It works against the union in two ways. First, those now outside the ranks have a disinclination to become "organized." They feel that by "joining a union" they would sacrifice some measure of independence and, even more significantly, suffer an impairment of status in the social system.

On the other hand, we observe workers gradually emerging from "the ranks of labor." They and their families see in this changing picture an opportunity to attain improved social status. In some instances Management has taken steps to embrace these emerging workers with a special welcome. If the union is to retain them it must alter its basic philosophy. The day of the Labor Union—with emphasis on *labor* as a social classification —is coming to a close.

*Harold Droke*



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## *Quote* the weekly digest



"He who never quotes, is never quoted"

### AGE—1

The only way to approach old age is in a mood of gratitude that it is not more frightful than it is and of deep thankfulness for all the delights that life has given one during the last 70 yrs. Grumblers are always bores.—HAROLD NICHOLSON, quoted in *Information*.

### ANGER—2

He who has a sharp tongue, soon cuts his own throat. — MARTIN A BURSTEN.

### AUTOMOBILE—Production—3

The automobile is a peculiarly fertile species which reproduces freely and appears to have no natural enemies sufficiently powerful to hold its growth in check. Its offspring is always 6 ins longer, 3 ins wider, 10% more powerful and 20% shinier.—Dr GLENN SEABORG, Nobel prize winning chemist.

### BEHAVIOR—4

Psychologists have discovered (this) about emotions. They are intensified by being expressed. Thus expression of pleasant emotions may tend to raise pleasant emotions to such a pitch that they are sovereign, and the same may be said for their habitual expression until they dominate character. On the other hand, even pleasant emotions which are habitually choked off before expression are a source of grave danger to mental health. — WARREN VINTON MURPHY, "Do Tell!" *Pulpit Digest*, 1-'57.

### BEHAVIOR—5

If only people would give the thought, the care, the judgment to internat'l affairs, to politics, even to their jobs that they lavish on what to wear to a masquerade, the world would run in greased grooves. —R & R Mag, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.

### CAREERS—6

Alan Greg's cow test for identifying gifted youth: You say to a child, "Suppose you call the tail of a (four-legged) cow a leg, how many legs will the cow then have?" If the child replies immediately, "Five," encourage him to take mathematics. If he observes that it doesn't make any difference what you call a tail, "It is still a tail," suggest science as a career. If he hems and haws and finally comes up with an answer like seven or eight, plead with him not to go into science or engineering. If, however, with a twinkle in his eye he says that the question is a good one, mentally note that he will become an administrator.—RAYMOND J SEEGER, "Mathematical Science and the Man Power Problem," *Mathematics Teacher*, 1-'57.

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By Les & Liz  
Carpenter

Altho some sections of the country are suffering a severe drought, in this session of Congress we have Brooks, Rivers, Rains and a Flood. Incidentally, there are also two Churches and a Bible, not to mention two Byrds and a whole covey of Martins, together with a Kitchen and a Celler.

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*The Nat'l Press Club gave this billing to a recent speaker: "Dr Paul Dudley White, The Man Closest to Ike's Heart. The Moby Dick of Cardiology."*

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For'gn affairs are the last things that ambassadors discuss when they gather.

"You'd be surprised at the inane things we find to talk about," quipped Australian Ambassador Sir Percy Spender.

A good example of a safe discussion was the one between Russian Ambassador Georgi Zaroubin, Austrian Ambassador Gruber and Postmaster Gen'l Arthur Summerfield. Reporters were curious as to what the three could be discussing so ardently. Explained Postmaster Gen'l Summerfield: "We are talking about my health. It is a good, safe internat'l topic."

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*Defeated Democrats aren't overlooking a vote anywhere. The 1st Eskimo Democratic Club has been organized at Kotzelene, Alaska.*

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#### CHRISTIANITY—7

A little girl's grandfather was one of those long-faced Christians whose religion consisted chiefly of "don'ts."

Visiting in the country, she stopped to pat the donkey looking over the fence. "You must be a Christian," she said sympathetically. "Your face is as long as grandfather's."—MARY HOFFMAN, "How's Your Humor?" *Educational Music Mag*, 1-2-'57.

#### COMMUNISM—Defined—8

Too many people continue to think of Communism as an extreme left-wing movement, opposed to capitalism and favoring collective ownership. But Communism is much more than this. It is a new form of civilization trying to impose itself from the top, and its fundamental principles are diametrically opposed to those from which the moral, political, economic and social evolution of both Europe and America has proceeded and on which it today is based. Our civilization is shaped to the measure of man. Its chief characteristic is respect for the human person. From that, all the rest stems. Communism, on the other hand, denies and ignores man, takes no interest in him as an individual and certainly does not respect him.—PAUL-HENRI SPAAK, "The West in Disarray," *For'gn Affairs*, 1-57.

#### COURAGE—9

If I had to give myself a definition of courage for my own use, I would limit myself to this one: "When faced by great temptations, it is the ability to say no."—JULES ROY, "What is Courage?" *Realities*, 1-57.

## book briefs...



This month marks the 60th anniversary of the publication of a book called *In His Steps*, by Chas Monroe Sheldon, a Congregational minister in Topeka, Kas. The remarkable circumstance is that this book has, thru six decades, maintained its position as the best of all Best Sellers. According to Alice Payne Hackett's *Sixty Years of Best Sellers*, more than eight million copies have been sold. Since best-seller records were begun in 1895, no other volume has closely approached this sale. You might assume that the deserving author pocketed a neat fortune from his effort. Unfortunately, due to a technical error in the copyright, he gleaned only a few hundred dollars, paid voluntarily by one of the more scrupulous publishers.

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Probably some sort of a record is being established by the combined efforts of author Jas A Michener and his publisher, Random House. By a fortunate circumstance, Mr Michener was in Austria when the 1st Hungarian refugees began filtering across the border in early Jan. Sensing the drama of the Hungarian People's Revolution, he immediately resolved to write a novel on the theme. He is now well along with the manuscript and Random House hopes to have it on sale by March 1.

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Another speedily-contrived book—fact rather than fiction—is a documentary, *100 Hours to Suez*,

I pass on to you  
This perceptive review  
Of a book I think simply divine:  
It's destined to grace  
Best Seller's top place;  
It's brilliant!  
It's clever!  
It's mine!

— MARJORIE MURCH STANLEY.

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relating the inside story of Israel's victory over the Egyptian army in the Sinai Peninsula. It is by Rob't Henriques, English military expert, well known for his War II organization of the Commandos. His book will cover both political and military aspects of the campaign.

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A mid-western supermkt, featuring a display of reference books, spelled "Dictionary" with an "e".

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Jim Bishop, who scored quite a success with *The Day Lincoln Was Shot*, is employing the same technique of microscopic recording in a 2nd volume to be known as *The Day Christ Died*. The record begins at 6 P M on the eve of the Passover, 30 A D and continues until 4 P M of the day afterward to be known as Good Friday. Publication (by Harper) scheduled for May 15.

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#### EDUCATION—10

Education has become the royal road to positions of power and prestige in American business and industry.—LLOYD WARNER quoted by JOHN W GARDNER, "The Great Hunt for Educated Talent," *Harper's Mag*, 1-'57.

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In our generation we need again to understand that the most important result of a college education is that of finding direction for life and developing positive intellectual and spiritual leadership for the world.—Dr LISTON POPE, Dean of Yale Divinity School, *Alliance Wkly*.

#### EDUCATION—Dishonesty—11

Dr Jesse S Nirenberg, psychologist at the N Y Univ School of Education, says cheating is only natural when parents fuss so much about children's marks. Parents boast when their son or daughter gets high marks. They make sour faces and take away privileges when marks are low. Employers ask about grades before hiring graduates. Colleges select students according to their high school grades. Marks and grades—originally the measure of learning—have now become a substitute for learning. Students work for grades — not knowledge. — "Cheating—How Can It Be Stopped?" *Senior Scholastic*, 1-18-'57.

#### EGOTISM—12

Every man has a right to be conceited until he is successful.—*Supervision*.

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#### FAMILY LIFE—13

Some families can trace their ancestry back 300 yrs but can't tell you where their children were last night.—*Changing Times*.

#### FOOD—14

One consumer, when interviewed as to his family's food preferences, said, "When I was a kid we were a meat-and-potatoes family. Now we eat onion soup, and shrimp soup, and fancy salads and dozens of

#### *Quote* scrap book

*It was in the month of February, in the yr 1894, that Rep DAVID A DE ARMOND, of Missouri, made this eloquent plea for the adoption of a Fed'l Income measure. It should perhaps go down in history as one of the more spectacular wrong guesses of all time:*

*"This bill will mark the dawn of a brighter day . . . with more of that sweetest music, the laughter of children . . . more of the songs of birds."*

things I never even heard of when I was a kid. We used to eat only yellow store cheese—now we buy and eat all kinds of cheeses from all over the world. Somehow eating seems to be a lot more fun than it used to be."—Dr ERNEST DICHTER, Pres, Inst for Motivational Research, "What Can Make People Buy in '57?" *Sales Mgt*.

#### FREEDOM—15

Freedom has extraordinary vitality in the breast of man. Even behind the iron curtain, despite all Pavlovian conditioning of minds, it

is welling up from the hearts of youth. Before me is a letter written by a highly educated young man in Budapest to an American. It says in part: "You live in N Y and I in Budapest. You live in the world and I in a cage. For us here evolution of world knowledge stopped in '39. Of course we have never stopped working in the fields of forbidden orthodox knowledge, but our thinking is very often a duplication of the discoveries of America."—CONGER REYNOLDS, "The Soviet Propaganda Weapon: Dagger at the Heart," *Public Relations Jnl*, 11-'56.

#### **GIFTS—Giving—16**

One morning I happened on Mrs Marsh, a lonely widow who lives in a mid-city hotel. "I meet a nice man here every morning," she told me, "who brings me a rose from his own flower garden."

As she spoke, a man approached with a richly colored peace rose. The old woman's eyes were warm with happiness as she reached to take the flower he offered.

As we walked away together the man explained sheepishly, "I don't really have a garden. I buy a rose every morning and giving it to her makes me happy all day long." — HARRY HORNER, *Together*.

#### **HEALTH—Mental—17**

Both anxiety and worry, responsible medical authorities say, are important to us. They alert us to impending dangers and carry us thru to a solution of our problems.

"It might help if somebody would invent an 'upset pill' that would make people worry more about real-life problems that cry for attention and solution," says psychia-

trist Frederick J Hacker, of Los Angeles. "Too many of us tend to be complacent and eager to escape from personal and social problems, when we should be concerned. Anxiety is not always bad; it is often necessary." — ALBERT DEUTSCH, "What Anxiety Can Do For You," *Woman's Home Companion*, 11-'56.

#### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS—18**

(Addressing a faculty group in the Philippines) I spoke critically of a longtime friend and then, aghast at what seemed my own disloyalty . . . I insisted that tho I had to think the man wrong, this qualified not at all my affection for him. Quick as a flash a brilliant young woman history teacher checked me: "Oh, if you Americans could only understand that that is a possibility between nations, too. You always act as if any criticism were a declaration of undying hatred. It is *not*. It is the way friends make up their minds. It is the way good policy is born. In the Philippines it has less than nothing at all to do with how we really feel about you."—THEO A GILL, "Home Away from Home," *Christian Century*, 1-23-'57.

#### **LAUGHTER—19**

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. When you laugh you free your brain and release nervous tension. Laugh heartily in order to exercise unused muscles. Laughter gives buoyancy to your spirit. It is a soul tonic.—*Voice of Youth*, published by Slovene Nat'l Benefit Soc'y.

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### Misnamed Masterpiece

The month of March marks not only the 155th anniv of the publication of Piano Sonata in C Sharp (1802) but also the 130th anniv of the composer's death in 1827.

This sonata is one of the greatest creations in the whole of Beethoven's instrumental music. Its popular title, Moonlight Sonata, also presents us with one of the major musical mysteries. Possibly the circumstance that it was dedicated to the Countess Julie Guicciardi may have conveyed an erroneous impression. But disappointed affection was the moving force. Says the critic Ernest von Elterlein, in a rather free translation from the German: "With melancholy and pain the movement began, and with these it dies away." Marx describes the 1st movement as a song of renunciation, followed (in the 2nd movement) by the parting, "' Oh, think of me! I think of thee! Farewell, farewell!' uttered in fleeting, broken, weeping tones, till the last 'forever.'"

Commenting further on the incongruity of the popular title, Anton Rubenstein has said:

I do not know why this should be called the *Moonlight Sonata*. Moonlight awakens a lyric feeling, while this music tells of a sky heavy with leaden colors. . . Beethoven knew nothing of the title.

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### LAZINESS—20

Some folks never travel far because they plan their course by lassitude and loungetude. — P-K Sideliner, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

### LIFE—Living—21

Life is not built on a level; it is built on an incline, so that when you stop climbing, you are liable to slip, and a slip may result in a slide.—*American Holiness Jnl.*

### MANAGEMENT—22

There are quite a few common sayings in the business world that are both misleading and unwise in their implications. "If you want a thing well done, do it yourself" is an example. The man who thinks and talks like that is likely to be so tied up in minor details that he will have no time to manage. — *Efficiency Mag.*

### MODERN AGE—23

Grandma may have had her troubles, but she didn't have to worry about frost bite while reaching for frozen food.—*Grit.*

### MUSIC—24

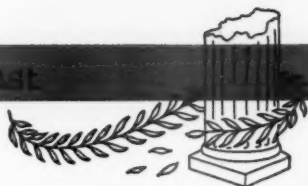
The power of enjoying and loving the best in music is not a rare and special privilege, but the natural inheritance of everyone who has ear enough to distinguish one tune from another, and well enough to prefer order to incoherence.—ROY D WELCH, quoted by HAZEL PETERSEN, "Programs for Performance," *Educational Music Mag.*, 1-2-57.

### OPTIMISM—Pessimism—25

The difference between a pessimist and an optimist is that if you fall in a deep hole, an optimist will pull you out, but a pessimist will get in with you.—*Brewster Blade.*



## pathways to the past



### Nat'l Save-Your-Vision Wk Nat'l Smile Wk

**March 3—Red Cross Sunday.** . . . *Feast of the Dolls*, a festival dedicated to girls in Japan as *Hina-no-Sekku*. . . 155th anniv (1802) publication of Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Sonata in C Sharp Minor, popularly known as the *Moonlight Sonata* (see GEM Box). . . 115th anniv (1842) b of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone . . . 115 yrs ago (1842) 1st child labor law regulating hrs of employment was approved by state of Mass. . . Wry reflection for many a prosperous business man: Excess Profits tax celebrates 40th anniv.

**March 4—Presidents' Day** (sponsored by Presidents' Day Nat'l Committee to foster better understanding of American way of life, by studying lives of U S Presidents). . . John Adams, Federalist, inaugurated Pres of U S 160 yrs ago (1797). He was 1st Chief Exec to reside in the new city of Washington; in Nov 1800 he moved into Executive Mansion (now the White House) having previously lived at the Union Tavern in Georgetown. . . 55th anniv (1902) founding of American Automobile Ass'n in Chicago. (There were then only 23,000 automobiles in the nation) . . . 40 yrs ago (1917) Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, began her term in House of Representatives, serving as 1st female mbr of congress.

**March 5—Mardi Gras** (Shrove

Tuesday). . . 445th anniv (1512) b of Gerard Mercator, Flemish geographer; inventor of Mercator projector, aid to navigation.

**March 6—Ash Wednesday** (beginning of Lent). . . Our 1st jet propulsion 4-engine bomber was tested 10 yrs ago (1947) at Muroc, Calif.

**March 7—Feast of St Thomas Aquinas** (patron of Catholic education).

**March 8—World Day of Prayer** (1st Friday in Lent. Sponsored by United Church Women of Nat'l Council of Churches). . . 95th anniv (1862) b of Jos Lee, pioneer in development of playgrounds for children.

**March 9—95th anniv (1862) battle of Monitor and Merrimac**, off Hampton Roads, Va. This is sometimes billed as "the world's 1st battle between ironclad warships." However, the *Merrimac* (Confederate warship) was actually an old hull plated with iron at a 45 degree angle. The *Monitor*, a new Union vessel, was equipped with revolving gun turret. She threw a heavier punch and was better engineered. The *Merrimac* eventually retired, limped back to port.

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Here is perhaps as fantastic an idea as we have encountered in quite a spell. But it is put forth as a serious proposal by Henry C Reichhold, of Reichhold Chemicals. He foresees a time when homes may be constructed of plastic materials, funneled from helicopters hovering over a bldg site.

Walls and foundations, forecasts this offbeat prophet, will be poured from aircraft built somewhat in the pattern of our present cement mixer. And it is not beyond reason to assume that driveways of colored plastics could be sprayed by slow-flying aircraft.

Naturally, these specially-designed craft would be expensive. But Reichhold believes the construction costs would be more than offset by obvious operating economies. Planes could travel quickly from a central plant to the bldg site, avoiding the traffic congestion that is becoming an increasing problem for all who are dependent on truck deliveries.

Planes could also be used to deliver house components, such as laminated plywood. Even completely assembled small garages could be dropped from the air.

"Sure it's fantastic," agrees Reichhold, "but so was the idea of spraying crops from the air, when it was 1st suggested."

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#### PERSONALITY—Development—26

Peter, a 1st grader, was so full of enthusiasm and energy that he never walked. He could only run. Coming full speed around the corner of the school one day he bumped into an elderly gentleman who asked in surprise: "Well, son, where did you come from?" Peter stopped short and, measuring a short space between his hands, said with conviction: "This much God made. The rest I made myself." — ANNA SPIESMAN STARR, "Personality Within the Classroom," *Education*, 1-56.

#### RELIGION—27

Culturally literate persons in our midst still look at religion as tho it were escape from life instead of a deep entanglement with this world's agony. — RALPH W LOEW, *The Church and the Amateur Adult* (Muhlenberg).

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A well trained dog is like religion; it sets the deserving at their ease and is a terror to evildoers. — ELIZABETH GOUDGE, *The Rosemary Tree* (Coward-McCann).

#### SEXES—28

A man fancies he can do much—certainly whatever is necessary—toward his own happiness, and that all secrets, even life itself, can be dissected in a laboratory. Women, thru long yrs of dependence, have learned to depend on something outside themselves, and outside of men. They accept the mysteries and wonders of life, and in accepting them, they make friends with them and understand them, and walk closer to the truth. — MICHAEL DRURY, "The Women in My Life," *Good Housekeeping*, 1-57.

### SUCCESS—29

The secret of success is to do the right thing at the right time, and do it right!—*Thoughts for Today*, hm, Arnold H Glasow Co.

### TEACHERS—Teaching—30

A genuine teacher is a person who cannot be discouraged with respect to the educability of his fellow men.—HARTEN TEN HOOR, *Certainties and Uncertainties in Education* (Ohio State Univ Press).

### TRAVEL—31

There is one basic hallmark of the seasoned traveler and that is adaptability. So many things can happen on a trip, especially on an extended trip, that only those who accept change philosophically can genuinely enjoy travel.—ARTHUR W FERGUSON, "The American Teacher Abroad," *Pennsylvania School Jnl*, 1-57.

### TRUTH—Falsehood—32

Truth crushed to earth will rise again!—another point of resemblance between it and a robust lie.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

### UNDERSTANDING—33

We must always remember that knowledge of understanding is not the same thing as the understanding, which is the raw mat'l of that knowledge. It is as different from understanding as the doctor's prescription for penicillin is different from penicillin. — ALDOUS HUXLEY, *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* (Harper).

### WAR—Peace—34

Sometimes it seems as tho only war with another planet will inspire good will among men on earth.—*Oxford News*.

Mr. Q's  
column



Perhaps, employing a proper sense of perspective, we may assume the really big news of the wk is that a certain hamster (gender and name undisclosed) has caught a cold. The little rodent's indisposition is significant from the fact that up until now the only creatures infectable with cold virus have been humans and chimpanzees—both expensive and difficult as experimental subjects. The hamster is an excellent test animal. Let us hope for his rapid recovery.

If you are thinking of investing in a Cadillac Brougham (list price, \$12,000) here's a news item that may clinch your decision: We are informed via publicity release from Lanvin Parfums that the Brougham now is equipped with one-ounce perfume atomizer fitted in the arm rest. And (as you may have surmised) it is filled with Lanvin's Arpege perfume.

Now, for the 1st time in history U S factory workers have reached the average wage rate of \$2 per hr. Back in '39, the average was 63 cts per hr; during War II it passed the \$1 mark. . . "Portable pensions" is the newest objective in the labor realm. Plan would enable worker to transfer pension credits as he changes jobs. Teamsters' Union is making a strong play for adoption.

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A butcher had sold all of his poultry except one hen. In walked a woman who said she was entertaining at dinner and wanted a nice-sized hen. The butcher reached into the ice barrel and brought forth his hen, flipped it on the scales and said, "This one will be \$1.35."

"Well," she said, "I really wanted a larger one."

The butcher, thinking fast, returned the hen to the ice barrel and stirred it around for a while, then brought it forth again and flopped it onto the scales. "This one," he said, "is \$1.95."

The woman considered briefly, and then said, "I know what. I'll take both of them." — OLLIE M JAMES, *Cincinnati Enquirer*. a

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An employe of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, was somewhat set back when a fancy resort hotel rejected a reservation for his honeymoon. He had written the hotel on Smithsonian Institution stationery, hoping thus to make a favorable impression.

But the manager, responding, explained. "Since we seek to provide the fullest measure of rest and relaxation for our guests, we do not accept persons from institutions." —QUOTE *Washington Bureau*. b

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

DAN BENNETT

A man visiting the local municipal airport ran into a bachelor acquaintance feeding quarters into the machine that automatically issues \$5,000 insurance policies for anyone making a flight.

"What's the idea of taking out all those insurance policies?" our man asked, "You aren't even married!"

"I always do this when I take an air trip," explained the other. "I send a \$5,000 insurance policy to each of my girl friends, naming her as my sole heir. You'd be surprised how well I make out with those girls when I take them on dates!"

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I am happy to report that even under the strains of dealing with today's complex humans, medical men haven't lost their sense of humor. I was told about a sweet young employe in our bldg who recently underwent an appendectomy. Her greatest concern was not its threat to her health, only its effect on her appearance. The first question she asked the doctor after she came out of the anesthetic was: "Will the scar show?"

He had the perfect answer. In his gravest and most professional voice he repl'd "That, my dear, is completely up to you." —DAVE GARROWAY, *Good Housekeeping*. c

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## QUIPS

One Sunday morning a father left his small son in the pew while he went forward to partake of the Sacrament. He ret'd to find the boy gone. As he looked about the church, a small voice cried out, "Here I am, Dad, up at the bar."—*DELLA BOYD, Together.* d

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A fraternity house sent its curtains to be laundered. It was the 2nd day that the house had stood unveiled, and that morning, the following note was rec'd from the sorority house across the st:

"Dear Sirs: May we suggest that you procure curtains for your windows? We do not care for a course in anatomy."

The chap who left his shaving to read the note promptly ans'red: "Dear Girls: The course is entirely optional." — *Santa Fe Mag*, hm, Santa Fe Ry. e

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Two men met. "I see your wife has a new mink stole," said one. "That ought to keep her warm."

"I didn't buy it to keep her warm," said the other. "Just to keep her quiet."—*Seng Fellowship News*, hm, Seng Co. f

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A much decorated RAF pilot, tho possessed of well recognized courage as a fighter, was afflicted with an obnoxious personality. When he was transferred to another post, his new commander rec'd this report: "Splendid officer at 6,000 ft. Should never come any lower." — *United Mine Workers Jnl.* g

To those who can't resist indulging, waistlines are quite often just a matter of sighs.—*Wall St Jnl.*

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Be it ever so humble, there's no place like a new home for exceeding the original estimated cost by at least 50%—*DAN BENNETT.*

The way our "grandmothers prepared meals without the aid of modern conveniences was positively uncanny."—*HAROLD COFFIN.*

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It's pretty hard for a person to curb his temper and his car at the same time in a small parking space.—*DAN REVELLO.*

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As far as fancy paint jobs go, modern girls are getting a lot of competition from the new cars.—*Tit-Bits, London.*

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About the time you struggle up even with the Joneses, they refine! — *Independent (Elkhorn, Wis).*

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One thing about the Middle East—it sure is in the middle.—*DAN KIDNEY, Scripps-Howard Newspapers.*

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Folks who live within their income are just trying to mess up prosperity. — *P-K Sideline, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.*

Quote

A well-known Edinburgh pianist had given a recital in a small Scottish town. Everyone had left except the caretaker when the telephone bell rang.

"Hello!" said a voice, "is that the Town Hall?"

"Ay."

"Has Mr Bruce Ferguson been there this afternoon?"

"Ay."

"Did he play Bach?"

"Awa wi' ye mon. This is a town hall, no' a fitba' field."—*Cambridge (England) Daily News.* h

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A recruit on his 1st ocean trip, was taking an exam for possible promotion. One of the questions was, "What steps should be taken in case of a leaky tube in the boiler?" He promptly wrote, "The boiler room ladder, preferably 2 at a time."—*Wooden Barrel*, hm, Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of America. i

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One time two society women visited Colette, the late French writer. One of them complained that the men of today were no longer cavaliers and were no longer so polite with women.

Colette listened to the tale of woe, which wasn't exactly short, then repl'd, "But, my dear, I think you're exaggerating again. It was just last night that I saw a man, right here in my own ap't bldg, offer his wife his arm while she carried the garbage pail downstairs."—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). j

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The little fellow went from Berlin to visit his grandmother in the country, where his appetite increased so he grew round and chubby and ate almost all the time. At the end of the vacation his grandmother took him to the train, gave him a little basket of food to eat on the trip, and warned, "Now don't start eating this until you reach the town of Heiligenbeil. It's a long trip."

But the train had barely left the station when the lad opened the basket. What does he find? On top written in a quivery hand, "You rascal, is *this* Heiligenbeil?"—*Erlenenes*, Hildesheim (QUOTE translation). k

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The determined-looking peasant woman was driving her cow to mkt—along the sidewalk. A policeman rushed up to her and explained, "The sidewalks are only for pedestrians."

She gave him a disdainful look as she retied her head scarf: "And do you think a cow moves on wheels?"—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). l

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The Italian singer Benjamins Gigli had to share a table with someone he didn't know. "At least" he observed, "you're more educated here than people are in Sweden. I was once asked my name by a hotel porter! Can you imagine, he didn't know *my* name! So I told him, 'Benjamins Gigli,' turned around and went to another hotel."

"Ah!" exclaimed the stranger. "And what is your real name?"—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). m

Richard Armour



### Current Event

*A patent has been awarded for an electric rug which will supplement ordinary house-heating and keep the feet warm.—News item.*

Electric blankets long have served  
To keep the sleeper snug,  
But now one walks with toasty feet  
And feels between one's toes the  
heat  
From wires within the rug.

The hotfoot, once performed by  
those

Untouched by evolution,  
Is now for every man and maid,  
And when the wires are slightly  
frayed,  
What fun! Electrocutation!

Oh, I'm a cautious, fearful sort,  
Though oftentimes a boaster.  
So off electric rugs I'll hop  
As quick as quick and seem to pop  
As toast does from a toaster.

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It is difficult to discourage a book  
canvasser. But one of them met his  
match when he tackled a solemn-  
looking Negro lift attendant.

The Negro listened while the can-  
vasser enlarged on the vast stores  
of knowledge to be acquired from  
the work he was offering on the in-  
stalment plan, then remarked quiet-  
ly: "Twouldn't be no manner o'  
use to me, sar. I know heaps more  
now than I get paid for."—*Tit-Bits*,  
London.

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Two girls were discussing the ap-  
proaching marriage of one. "If your  
mother dislikes Bill so much, why  
did she consent to your marrying  
him?"

"She says she's looking forward  
to being his mother-in-law for a  
while."—*L & N Mag*, hm, Louisville  
& Nashville Ry.

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Down in Florida, a man stopped  
his Cadillac in front of a ritzy ho-  
tel, handed the bellhop a \$10 bill,  
and said, "Take good care of the  
car, son!"

"Sho' nuff, Boss," the boy repl'd.  
"Ah knows just how yuh feels  
'cause your car's just like mine,  
'ceptin' mine's a four-door."—*Argo-  
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The personnel mgr turned to the  
young man seeking a job. "Tell me,"  
he said. "What have you done?"

"Me?" ans'rd the startled appli-  
cant. "About what?"—*E E KENYON*,  
*American Wkly*.

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Two men found themselves oc-  
cupying the same stateroom on a  
trip across the Atlantic. The first  
day at sea one secretly went to the  
purser's office and said: "Keep my  
money in the ship's safe. I don't  
like the looks of the man in the  
stateroom with me."

The officer looked up the number  
and then said with a smile: "Isn't  
that strange? Just a few min's ago  
that man was in here saying the  
same thing about you."—*C CLIFFORD*  
*BACON, Together*.

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Dr PAUL DUDLEY WHITE, cardiologist: "If Pres Eisenhower hadn't played golf he might have had his heart attack 20 yrs earlier."

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HARRY S TRUMAN: "The press has always been against the Democrats . . . A Democrat is no good unless he has the press against him."

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Mrs ALICE B MORGAN, financial consultant, *on winning a tv jackpot*: "Just because you answer a few questions, you don't know everything."

3-Q-t

**SECOND CLASS MATTER**

**Edited by Alice Jacobs**

Listening to the new-car ads, we assumed battery trouble was a thing of the past. But we guess not, for *Waterless Battery Corp'n* 123 N La Brea Ave, Los Angeles 38, Calif, has come up with a new car battery that's said to be the *ne plus ultra* of batteries. Battery uses sealed silicon electrolyte, never needs water. Mfr says it's good for 500,000 engine starts, is guaranteed for 10 yrs. 6 and 12 volts; \$19.95 to \$29.95.

Look around your auto store for this convenience: a rain catcher which prevents rain from draining into car when ventilator windows are open. Rain catcher fits all pop-

ular late model cars with squared-corner ventilators, can be installed by anyone, without the use of tools. Mktd by *Servwell Products Co*, Cleveland, Ohio.

Obviously useful is this flashlight bracket for cars. Adjustable holder is mounted on the bottom inside edge of the dashboard. It pivots in the center, allowing bracket to be swung up behind the panel and out of sight. The holder will take any standard flashlight.

Here's an improvement on old car ash trays. This one mounts by suction cups on vent window, puts smoke *outside!* \$1.50 from *Dur-Ad*, Box 61-V, Charlevoix, Mich.

